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To assist the youthful learner of English as a second language in dealing with driver's license applications and automobile purchasing procedures, a series of dialogs, comprehension questions, readings, and points of discussion are presented. The text is illustrated with sample forms. (JB)

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STUDENT LESSON #1

GETTING A DRIVER'S LICENSE AND BUYING A CAR

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OBJECTIVES

When you finish this module you will be able to:

1. Explain how to get a driver's license.
2. Ask a motor vehicle clerk questions.
3. Answer questions asked at the Motor Vehicle Bureau.
4. Talk to a used car salesman when you want to buy a car.
5. Register your car.
6. Renew your car registration each year.

GETTING A DRIVER'S LICENSE

SITUATION SETTER

If you want to drive a car, you must have a driver's license. First, you have to get a learner's permit. A learner's permit is necessary in order to practice driving. You must practice with someone who has a driver's license. A learner's permit gives you time to learn about driving. You must be 16 years old to get a learner's permit.

DIALOG

Ivan is 17. He wants to get a learner's permit. He went to the Motor Vehicle Bureau and got the Driver's Manual. Now he is at the Motor Vehicle Bureau again. This time he wants to apply for a learner's permit. His father is with him.

Ivan: I'd like to apply for a learner's permit.

First Clerk: Have you studied the Driver's Manual?

Ivan: Yes, I have.

First Clerk: Fine. Fill out these two forms. You'll have to take an eye test and a written test. The fee is $5.

(Ivan goes to the table and fills out the forms.)

Ivan: I've filled out the forms.

First Clerk: I need identification with your birthdate on it.

Ivan: Here's my birth certificate.

First Clerk: Thank you. Here's the written test. When you're finished, please go to the next window for your eye test.

(Ivan goes to the second clerk for his eye test.)

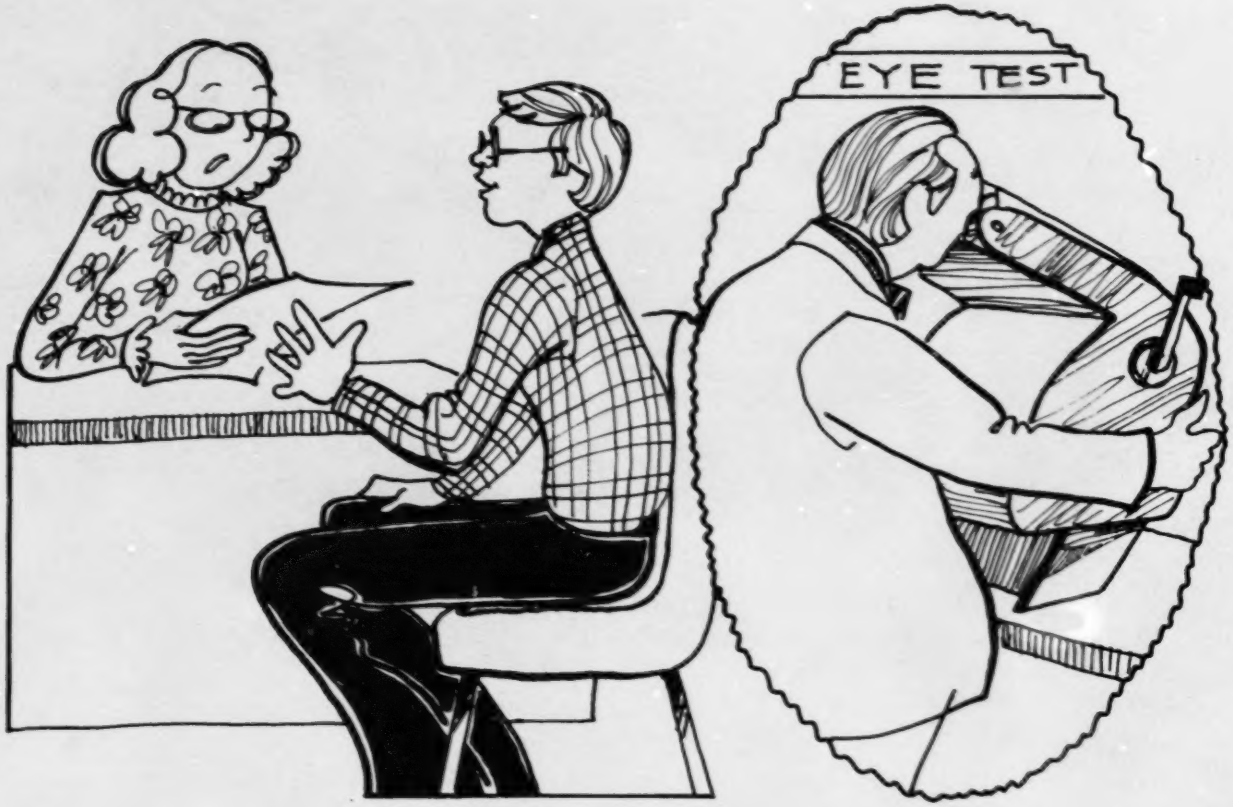
Second Clerk: Do you wear glasses?

Ivan: Yes, I do.

Second Clerk: Look into the machine and read the first three rows out loud.

(Ivan looks into the machine and reads the first three rows.)

Second Clerk: That's fine. Now take your forms to the cashier. Since you are under 18, your father will have to sign them. Pay your $5 and you'll have your learner's permit. Good luck!



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What does Ivan have to do in order to get a learner's permit?
2. How much does it cost to get one?
3. Did he have to bring identification to the Motor Vehicle Bureau?
4. Why does his father have to sign the forms?
5. What kinds of tests did Ivan take?
6. What did Ivan have to do before he applied for his permit?

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Did you have a learner's permit in your country?
2. Did you have to take a written test and an eye test in your country?
3. Were there any fees for getting a permit in your country?
4. Have you taken the written test in the U.S.A.? Was it easy or hard?

MINI-DIALOG 1

Ivan: How many questions are there on the written test?

Clerk: There are 20 questions. You'll have to answer at least 16 correctly.

MINI-DIALOG 2

Ivan: If I fail my written test, do I have to pay another $5 to take it again?

Clerk: No, you don't. The $5 fee is good for two written tests.

MINI-DIALOG 3

Ivan: How long is a permit good for?

Clerk: You can use your permit for one year, or until you have taken two road tests. After that, if you still don't have a license, you will need a new permit.

MINI-DIALOG 4

Ivan: I've passed my written test. When can I take the road test?

Clerk: After you have learned to drive, and after a three-hour driver training class, you can make an appointment for a road test.

MINI-DIALOG 5

Ivan: How much does it cost to take a road test?

Clerk: It doesn't cost anything extra. The $5 fee that you paid for the permit is good for two road tests.

MINI-DIALOG 6

Ivan: What is a driver training class?

Clerk: It's a three-hour class where you are taught the rules of the road. You must go to this class.

Ivan: Where can I take it?

Clerk: You can take it at any driver's school. It costs $15.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. How many questions do you have to answer correctly on the written test?
2. Do you have to pay $5 each time you take a written test?
3. When do you need a new permit?
4. When do you take the road test?
5. How much does it cost?
6. What is the driver training class?
7. Where do you take it?
8. How much does the driver training class cost?

ROLE PLAY

1. You would like a learner's permit. You are at the Motor Vehicle Bureau. Ask another student to be the clerk.
2. You are ready to take your road test. Ask another student to be the clerk. How much does it cost? (The clerk will ask you if you have taken the training class and if you passed your written test.)

READING: THE ROAD TEST

Ivan got his learner's permit. He took a Driver Education course at school. He took the road test and passed it. Because he took Driver Education, Ivan has his blue card. This blue card means that he can apply for his senior driver's license. If he did not have a blue card, he would get a junior driver's license. A junior license means that he must have an older person with him when he drives after dark. A senior license means that Ivan can drive alone, at night, before he is 18. Ivan takes his blue card with him to the Motor Vehicle Bureau. He applies for his license.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Where did Ivan learn how to drive?
2. Did he pass his road test?
3. What's a blue card?
4. Does Ivan get a senior license or a junior license? Why?
5. What's a senior license?
6. What's a junior license?
7. What does Ivan do with his blue card?

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Have you taken Driver Education? Does your school have a course in Driver Education?
2. Why is it a good idea to take Driver Education?
3. Have you taken a road test? Do you know someone who has taken a road test?
4. Did they pass the test the first time?
5. Did they think the road test was easy or hard? Why?
6. What would you tell a friend who is going to take the road test?

This is the application which you must fill out in order to apply for a driver's license in New York State. Practice filling it out correctly.

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APPLICATION FOR DRIVER LICENSE

PLEASE PRINT WITH BLUE OR BLACK INK IN WHITE SPACES NEXT TO ARROWS.

FOR CENTRAL OFFICE USE ONLY
Batch File No.

1 Last Name | First | Middle Initial

NM

2 Date of Birth: Month | Day | Year | Sex M ☐ F ☐ | OS

BS

3 Number and Street (Mailing Address)

ST

4 City or Town | State | ZIP Code

CT

5 County of Residence | Legal Address if different from Mailing Address

CY

6 Has your address changed since your last license was issued? ☐ Yes ☐ No

7 Height | Eye Color | Restriction Stamps

PD

RS

8 If you are presently a licensed New York driver, enter the motorist identification number exactly as it appears on your license.

MI

TO AMEND YOUR LICENSE, FILL IN THIS SECTION

a. For a change of name, print former name exactly as it appears on your present license.

Last Name | First | Middle Initial

b. For a Change of license type. FROM: _____ TO: _____

c. To ☐ add ☐ remove the following restriction

_____

d. If other than above, give change and reason _____

PROOF SUBMITTED

Misc. Stamps

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THIS COLUMN FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

RECIPROCITY	LRC
AMENDMENT	LAM
RENEWAL	LRN
DUPLICATE	LDP
NON REC'D ORIGINAL	LNO
ORIGINAL	LIS

LT

CLASS		CLASS	
1	01	5LU	09
2	02	6LU	10
3	03	7A	7A
4	04	7B	7B
5	05	8A	8A
6	06	8B	8B
7	07		
8	08		

Validation Number

Fee NF

Expiration Date of License Being Issued

Approved by

Date

Stop Reason

Cashier Signature

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS WHICH APPLY TO YOU.

A

For persons applying for original Class 6, 6LU, 8, 8A or 8B Licenses

CONSENT OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

I am the parent or guardian of the applicant named and I hereby consent to the issuance of a permit or license to said applicant.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Relationship to Applicant _____ Date _____

NOTE: If you are 17 years old and have a Driver Education Blue Card (Form MV-285), consent is not required.

B

All applicants must answer all questions in this section.

For a duplicate, renewal or amended license, have the conditions mentioned below occurred since your last license was issued? For an original or reciprocity license, have the conditions mentioned ever occurred?

	WRITE YES OR NO
1. Have you had or been treated for a convulsive disorder, epilepsy, fainting or dizzy spells, or any condition which caused unconsciousness?	
2. Have you been treated for a heart ailment?	
3. Have you had any mental illness for which you have been confined to a public or private institution or hospital?	
4. Have you been confined to an institution or received medical treatment for alcoholism?	
5. Have you been confined to an institution or received treatment for narcotics addiction?	

If you answered "Yes" to any of the questions above, obtain Form MV-80 from your Motor Vehicle Issuing Office.

	WRITE YES OR NO
6. Do you have any physical disability or have you suffered the loss of, or the loss of the use of, a leg, hand, foot or eye?	

If yes, give details:

	WRITE YES OR NO
7. Have you ever had a license, permit or license privilege to operate a motor vehicle refused, suspended, revoked or cancelled, or an application for a Driver License denied in this State or elsewhere?	
If "Yes" has your license, permit or license privilege been restored or your application approved?	
8. Have you been found guilty of ANY crime, offense, or traffic infraction (except parking violations), or forfeited bail in any court either in this State or elsewhere?	

If "Yes", give details below. If more space is needed, use Form MV-22.

Date	Crime, Infraction, Offense	Court & Location

C

Reciprocity

I request that the road test be waived based on my possession of the following current foreign license, OR out-of-state military license, which is current, or which has been expired for less than one year.

Type of License _____ This license was issued by the State or Country of _____

Driver License No. _____ Expiration Date _____

I certify that I am under 65 years of age, that I was a permanent resident of the state or country in which the above license was issued at the time it was issued, that THE ABOVE LICENSE HAS BEEN IN EFFECT FOR AT LEAST 6 MONTHS, and that I have not failed a road test for a New York State driver license within the past 12 months. I understand that the waiver of the road test is at the discretion of the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles.

D

All Licenses

I, the undersigned, state that the information I have given in the foregoing application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

If a duplicate license is being applied for, I certify that I am the holder of a currently valid or renewable New York State Driver License that is not presently under suspension or revocation, and that this license has been lost, mutilated or destroyed. If the lost license is found after the duplicate license has been issued, I will surrender the lost license to the Department of Motor Vehicles and advise that a duplicate has been issued.

SIGN HERE X _____

Sign name in Full — A married woman must use her own first name.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY — TEST RESULTS

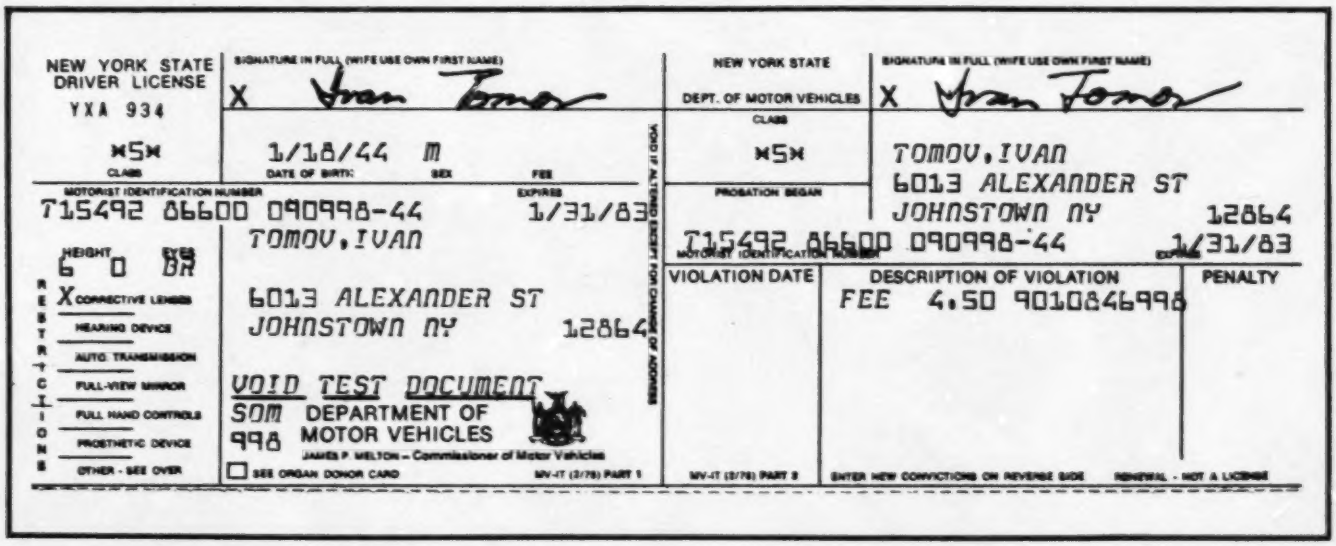
			Applicant's Signature	Examiner's Signature
Eye Test	pass ☐			
Road Sign	pass ☐			
1st Written	pass ☐	fail ☐		
2nd Written	pass ☐	fail ☐		
1st Road Test	pass ☐	fail ☐		
2nd Road Test	pass ☐	fail ☐		

READING: DRIVER'S LICENSE

A driver's license is valid for four years in New York State. Every four years you must renew your license. To renew your license, you take your old license to the Motor Vehicle Bureau. You have to take another eye test and pay a fee. Then they will give you your new license.

A license has two parts. Part one is your license that you show to a police officer if he or she stops you. Part two is your "record of convictions" (traffic violations). A driver's license is also used for identification.

Look at this license and answer the following questions:



NEW YORK STATE DRIVER LICENSE
YXA 934
CLASS M5
SIGNATURE IN FULL (WIFE USE OWN FIRST NAME) X Ivan Tomov
DATE OF BIRTH: 1/18/44 SEX M FEE
MOTORIST IDENTIFICATION NUMBER T15492 86600 090998-44 EXPIRES 1/31/83
TOMOV,IVAN
6013 ALEXANDER ST
JOHNSTOWN NY 12864
HEIGHT 6 0 EYES BR
RESTRICTIONS: X CORRECTIVE LENSES; HEARING DEVICE; AUTO. TRANSMISSION; FULL-VIEW MIRROR; FULL HAND CONTROLS; PROSTHETIC DEVICE; OTHER - SEE OVER
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SOM DEPARTMENT OF
998 MOTOR VEHICLES
JAMES P. MELTON – Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
SEE ORGAN DONOR CARD MV-1T (3/78) PART 1
VOID IF ALTERED EXCEPT FOR CHANGE OF ADDRESS
NEW YORK STATE DEPT. OF MOTOR VEHICLES
CLASS M5
PROBATION BEGAN
SIGNATURE IN FULL (WIFE USE OWN FIRST NAME) X Ivan Tomov
TOMOV,IVAN
6013 ALEXANDER ST
JOHNSTOWN NY 12864
MOTORIST IDENTIFICATION NUMBER T15492 86600 090998-44 EXPIRES 1/31/83
VIOLATION DATE | DESCRIPTION OF VIOLATION | PENALTY
FEE 4.50 9010846998
MV-1T (3/78) PART 2 ENTER NEW CONVICTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE RENEWAL - NOT A LICENSE

* "corrective lenses" means glasses.

1. When does this license expire?
2. What does Ivan have to do when his license expires?
3. What is the identification number on the license?
4. How tall is the owner of the license?
5. What color are his eyes?
6. Must the owner of this license wear glasses when he drives? How do you know?
7. When was this license issued?
8. How long is the license valid (good for)?
9. What fee was paid for this license?
10. How many parts does a license have? What are they?
11. Which part do you show to a police officer if he or she stops you?

These are the things you have to do to get a license in New York State:

1. Study the Driver's Manual. (You can get one at the Motor Vehicle Bureau. It's free.)
2. Go to the Motor Vehicle Bureau.
3. Fill out an application for a permit.
4. Take the eye test. (Bring your eyeglasses if you wear them.)
5. Take the written test. (You must pass it.)
6. If you are under 18, bring one of your parents with you.
7. Pay $5 for a permit, if you pass.
8. Take a three-hour driver training course. It costs about $15. You can also take Driver Education at your high school.
9. Make an appointment for a road test. (You must pass. If you fail, practice driving again, and then make another appointment for a road test.)
10. Pay about $4 for your license.*

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Why should you bring your glasses when you go to the Motor Vehicle Bureau?
2. About how much money do you need for all the expenses of getting a license?
3. Can you take the road test before you take the three-hour driver training class?
4. What is the first thing you should do if you want to get a license?
5. If you fail the written test, can you get a permit?
6. Do you have to make an appointment for the road test?
7. What happens if you fail the road test?

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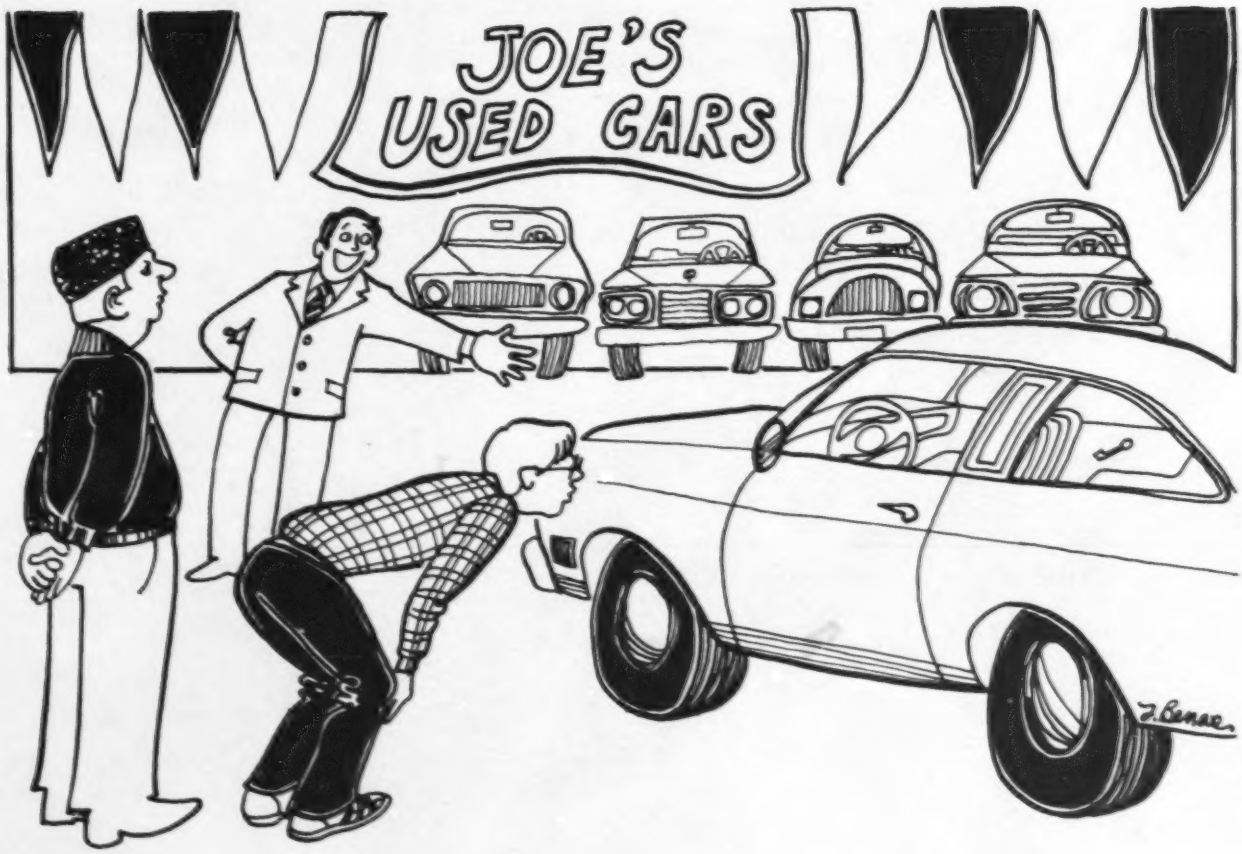
* Your first license may cost less than $4. Your teacher can explain this to you.

BUYING A CAR

SITUATION SETTER

Now that Ivan has his license, he wants to buy a car. He doesn't have a lot of money. He is going to buy a used car.



DIALOG 1

Ivan is at a used car lot. His father is with him. Ivan is going to do all the talking! He is looking at the small cars in the lot. A salesman comes over to talk to him.

Salesman: Here's a nice little 1970 Astro in very good condition for only $500.

Ivan: That's expensive, isn't it? What's the mileage on it?

Salesman: 95,000 miles. It has a 30-day warranty on all parts and services. It has a radio and heater, too!

Ivan: How many miles per gallon does it get?

Salesman: About 23 in the city and 27 on the highway. Let's take it for a test drive. You drive it and see how you like it.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Is Ivan looking at a new or used car?
2. What condition is it in?
3. What does Ivan think about the price?
4. What is the mileage on the car?
5. What is the car like?
6. For how long is the warranty good?
7. What does the warranty cover?
8. How many miles per gallon does it get?
9. What does the salesman suggest?
10. What's a test drive?

DIALOG 2

Ivan and the salesman took the car for a test drive. Ivan wants to buy the Astro, but doesn't want to pay $500 for it.

Ivan: Five hundred dollars is too much for this car. It has a lot of miles on it. There are also a lot of rust spots, and no snow tires. It's not worth more than $300.

Salesman: I can't let it go for $300. I paid more than that for it. I'll take $450.

Ivan: I'll give you $400, and I'll pay cash.

Salesman: Do you have a trade-in?

Ivan: No.

Salesman: Okay, it's a deal. You can have it for $400.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What happens after the test drive?
2. What's wrong with the Astro?
3. How much does the salesman say he wants for the car?
4. What does Ivan say the car is worth?
5. Why won't the salesman take $300?
6. Does Ivan have a car to trade in?
7. Does Ivan buy the car? How much does he pay for it?

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Would you like to buy a car? What kind would you like to buy?
2. Did you ever help a friend or a member of your family buy a car? What happened?
3. Do you think car salesmen ask for too much money for their cars? What can you do if the salesman asks for too much money for the car you want to buy?

ROLE PLAY

Practice buying a used car. Choose another student to be the used car salesman. Your teacher will give you cards with the information you will need.

CAR REGISTRATION

SITUATION SETTER

All cars must be registered. You must go to the Motor Vehicle Bureau to register your car.

DIALOG

Ivan wants to register his car. He is calling the Motor Vehicle Bureau. He wants to know what to do.

Voice: Good morning. Motor Vehicles.

Ivan: I'd like some information, please. I just bought a car and I'd like to register it. What do I have to do?

Voice: In order to register your car, you have to show proof of ownership. You must also show proof that the car has been inspected, proof of insurance coverage, and proof that all New York State sales taxes have been paid. You must also fill out an application form.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What does Ivan want to do?
2. What should he do to register his car?

MINI-DIALOG 1

Ivan: What's proof of ownership?

Voice: It's a bill of sale which proves that you own the car.

MINI-DIALOG 2

Ivan: How often do I have to have my car inspected?

Voice: Every year, in the same month. Most gas stations can inspect your car. Look for an inspection station sign.

Ivan: How much does it cost?

Voice: $3, every year.

MINI-DIALOG 3

Ivan: What's proof of insurance coverage?

Voice: It's proof that you have insurance, in case you have an accident. You must have insurance because accidents can be very expensive.

MINI-DIALOG 4

Ivan: How much is the registration fee?

Voice: It depends on the weight of the car. The smallest fee is $15.

MINI-DIALOG 5

Ivan: Do I have to renew my registration every year?

Clerk: Yes, you do. Applications are mailed to the owner 3 to 5 weeks before the expiration date. You must fill out the application and have it validated (stamped) by the Motor Vehicle Bureau.

Ivan: Where should I send it?

Clerk: Send it to the Motor Vehicle Bureau with the renewal stub, (the second half of your registration card), an Insurance Identification card, and a check for the registration fee.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Where can you have your car inspected? How often must a car be inspected?
2. Why do you need a bill of sale when you register your car?
3. What's proof of insurance coverage? Why do you need insurance?
4. How much does it cost to register a car?
5. How often do you have to renew your car registration? Can you mail in your registration?

LICENSE PLATES

When Ivan is finished registering his car, and the clerk gives him his license plates, he puts them on the front and on the back of his new car. Drive carefully, Ivan!

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